



*Reg. charity no: 1196804*

## **THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON**

### **ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2023

### Administrative information

St Andrew's Church is situated in Taunton. It is part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells within the Church of England. The correspondence address is St Andrew's Parish Office, Greenway Avenue, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6HU.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) members who have served from 1 January 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

<i>Incumbent</i>	The Revd Robin Lodge	Chair (ex-officio)
<i>Curate</i>	The Revd Richard Kelley (ex-officio, February-August 2023)	
<i>Churchwardens</i>	David Budd	Vice Chair (ex-officio, from APM 2023)
	Tony Blackshaw	Vice Chair (ex-officio, until APM 2023)
<i>Deanery Synod Representatives</i>	Stephen Grimshaw	(ex-officio)
	Henry Haslam	(ex-officio)
	Darren Chalmers	(ex-officio)
<i>Elected members</i>	Ali Aish	(until APCM 2024)
	Steve Bull	(until APCM 2026)
	Carol Dimmer	(until APCM 2025)
	Sue Goodman	PCC Secretary (until APCM 2024)
	Mervyn Jones	(until APCM 2023)
	Ali Perry	(until APCM 2025)
	Bill Perry	(until APCM 2026)
	Di Ruff	(until APCM 2024)
<i>Co-opted member</i>	Antony Yeo	PCC Treasurer
<i>Permission to attend and speak</i>	Lesley Gold	Parish Administrator

[APM = Annual Parish Meeting      APCM = Annual Parochial Church Meeting]

### Structure, governance and management

The PCC is a registered charity, numbered 1196804. It does not have any other related trusts or charities.

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules (2020). All church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and to stand for election to the PCC. The PCC meets approximately bi-monthly to conduct church business. Sub-committees of the PCC exist for the management of St Andrew's Church Hall, Fund Raising and to progress the New St Andrew's Project. Limited life working parties are set up occasionally to fulfil specific tasks and consist of PCC members and others by invitation.

The ministry of the parish is sustained by its Parish Priest, the Revd Robin Lodge and two Readers: Mrs Ruth Cook and Dr Jeremy Harvey. The Revd Richard Kelley joined us as Curate from the Wellington & District Team Ministry in February 2023 to complete his curacy, which ended on 31 August 2023. There is also a small team of Lay Pastoral Assistants and several other teams of volunteers covering a wide range of church life, which report regularly to the PCC.

# **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2023 (CONTINUED)**

## **Objectives and activities**

The PCC (Powers) Measure 1956 summarises the charitable objects of the PCC as “cooperating with the incumbent in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.” St Andrew’s PCC sees this as a calling to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it has been received by the Church of England by the nurture of faith among the community by word, pastoral care and practical service. It also has maintenance responsibilities for the church and the church hall.

From 1 September 2013, St Andrew’s Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School converted to academy status and became a member of the Bath & Wells Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) and was renamed St Andrew’s Church of England School. The Revd Robin Lodge and Mrs Dawn Booth, both former foundation governors, continue as members of the Local Governing Committee as MAT appointees but once again known as foundation governors. Mrs Booth is currently Chair of the Local Governing Committee. Robin Lodge stepped down from his post in July, at the end of his current term of office. No replacement was found from among the St Andrew’s congregation.

## **Achievements and performance**

### *Church attendance & Statistics for 2023*

The number on the Electoral Roll at 31 December 2023 was 102 (100 at 31 December 2022).

The average Sunday attendance including children, counted in October was 63 (78 in 2022) but larger numbers attended for special services, such as at Christmas and Easter. In 2022 the number of baptisms was 4 (10 in 2022). There was one wedding in 2023 (1 in 2022). In total there were 6 funerals both in church and at local crematoria (9 in 2022).

### *Review of the Year*

The year 2023 saw the first whole year of freedom from the rigours of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is now possible to assess the long-term damage caused by that grim episode. Many members of the congregation are yet to be convinced about physical contact during the Peace at the Eucharist as well as the safety of the Common Cup in spite of repeated reassurances. There has also been a change to the make-up of the congregation, with some members, having taken the opportunity to reassess their lives, coming less frequently if at all. On the plus side there has been a complete renewal of our children’s group and the joy of receiving a significant number in our midst of Indian, African, and in one case Iranian heritage. The economic downturn was also felt during the year, with some reduction in planned giving, and an increase in our costs.

The PCC met six times in 2023. Average attendance was 85% (77% in 2022). The Standing Committee (five meetings), the Hall Committee, and Fund Raising Group met between meetings. There were no meetings of the New St Andrew’s Group in 2023, work having halted as the renewal of the heating system needed to be the main focus of the PCC. Minutes of their meetings were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary. Other focussed groups, teams and officers regularly report to PCC meetings.

In line with diocesan policy, the PCC sets its priorities and expressed them in its Mission Action Plan (MAP). In November 2023 a parish conference was held to build on our set of values used to govern the choices made about our priorities. These were simplified by being summed up in 5 words: Welcoming, Caring, Growing, Responding (to God and community) and Nurturing. This year’s plan resolves to ensure that no one arrives at St Andrew’s without a welcome, to improve aftercare in our funeral ministry, to nurture and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, to continue with the next phase of the New St Andrew’s Project and to underpin all our work together by ensuring that we align our financial resources to match our priorities. The MAP sets out specific, timed and measurable actions for the year under each heading, naming the designated lead in each case. These will be reviewed in the Autumn and a new MAP prepared for 2025.

We were pleased to see a return to formal provision for children during worship. Simple creche-type facilities continued to be made available for very young children, from October in a new designated Children's Area in the South Aisle, staffed by two leaders each Sunday, who began to provide appropriate activities and teaching. Church Mice and Messy Church, the latter in conjunction with Rowbarton Methodist Church, continue successfully.

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2023 (CONTINUED)**

As noted above, schools work continues to be an important part of our work with children and young people. As well as involvement in governorship at St Andrew's School, the Vicar shares weekly acts of collective worship in school with the Revd Deborah Kirk and the Revd Annie Deche of Rowbarton Methodist Church, one of our own Readers, Ruth Cook, our Curate and the Revd Debbi Turley, Vicar of St Peter's, Lyngford. The Vicar is also a member of the Ethos Committee at The Taunton Academy, a church secondary school and part of the Richard Huish Academy Trust, which lies in our parish. Ongoing support for Collective Worship, Religious Education and Chaplaincy is available on request. "Easter Cracked," a dramatic presentation of the Easter story for children from schools in the area run by members of MINT (Mission in North Taunton), successfully ran in 2023, along with Nativity on the Green in December. MINT is a federation of ourselves, Rowbarton Methodist, Oakwood Community Church, Wellsprings Chapel and St Peter's, Lyngford. Our work with Priorswood Primary School, which also lies within the parish, returned to inviting local clergy in to lead occasional acts of Collective Worship in person.

St Andrew's has a Safeguarding Policy for the protection of children and vulnerable adults in line with diocesan guidelines. It is reviewed and updated annually. A copy of the policy is displayed in church. Names of all volunteers and their roles, not just those with Disclosure & Barring Service clearance, is available to the PCC as the body legally responsible for running the church. Full Job Descriptions have been formulated for each post, and training is regularly undertaken at an appropriate level for all those working for the PCC in a volunteer capacity. The PCC also has a Lone Worker Policy for employees and volunteers who need to work alone in church or in the community on its behalf, an Employee's Complaints & Grievance Policy, and a Data Protection Policy. The PCC also has a range of other policies governing aspects of parish management. As 2023 drew to a close, our long serving Parish Safeguarding Officer began to hand over responsibility to her successor, Mr Stephen Grimshaw.

Home Communion is now fully available to both the housebound and those indisposed or recovering from surgery for a longer period. Work with care homes consists of providing end-of-life spiritual support when requested, as well as a monthly hymn singing service at Aspen Court.

A full programme of public fund-raising events ran in 2023 providing both enjoyment for all and a much needed boost to church funds. Donations sponsoring the spire lighting continue. Finances grew tighter in 2023 so that all financial decisions need to be made with great care. This situation is set to worsen in 2024, not least with a 15% increase in the Parish Share, our contribution to the Diocesan Board of Finance, which goes towards maintaining the clergy and central services that support us all. The PCC has a Financial Reserves Policy which ensures that we always have enough cash to cover all essential commitments for a minimum of 3 months in case of emergency.

St Andrew's continues to be represented at meetings of the North Taunton Partnership and now the North Taunton Development Group, alongside practical assistance given to Taunton Food Bank, Arc (formerly Taunton Association for the Homeless) and Taunton Welcomes Refugees. Support in kind was also given to Pyrland Academy (previously North Taunton Academy) for a breakfast club for students.

The grouping of the four churches of the Local Ministry Group has effectively ended, but informal support and sharing continues with many churches in the deanery, focus on which our Bishops feel is the best way to work together in mission for the good of our communities. Joint services with our neighbours at Rowbarton Methodist Church continue to be valued part of our programme, and with whom we also now work to deliver Messy Church four or five times a year.

Many individual church members use household collecting boxes for the Children's Society. There remains no planned giving from PCC funds, apart from an annual contribution to the Chaplaincy at Pyrland School.

The church's Health and Safety Officer post is currently in vacancy. However, a Health and Safety policy statement approved by the PCC is on display in church. Health and Safety is a standing PCC agenda item along with the reporting of any entries in the Accident Book as to whether any action is required, and the policy document regularly reviewed and updated.

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST ANDREW, TAUNTON ANNUAL REPORT 2023 (CONTINUED)**

The most recent Quinquennial Inspection was made by the PCC's now former architect, Mrs Jo Hibbert, in December 2020, and although a number of modest actions were needed, priority has had to be given to the reordering of the heating. After lengthy research and the appropriate faculty application, a new infra-red electric system was installed during the year, consisting of three chandelier-style heating and lighting units and wall-mounted heaters in the side aisles. A series of ceiling-mounted heating panels was fitted in the Narthex. Due to difficulties with their effectiveness in relation to height fitted the system has been a disappointment. Nevertheless, the PCC believe that, with some modifications, it remains the best option for a church wishing to contribute to the Church of England's aim for Net Zero emissions by 2030.

Following some delay caused by a necessary focus on this issue, the PCC progressed its plans for a refurbished Narthex. A faculty application was submitted to remove the pews from the South Aisle area (granted in early 2024) so that the church building can be used more flexibly for congregation and community alike.

The Hall Committee has continued to oversee the use of the building and implement planned improvements. In July, our Hall Manager, Lesley Jones (alongside husband, Merv) and Hall Cleaner, Annie Garland, retired and Cherry Hingston and Grace Thistlethwaite appointed in their respective places. Both have made an excellent start. Ms Hingston was encouraged to make the marketing of the Hall a particular priority, building on the improvements made by her predecessors, and this is already having a positive effect.

No replacement for our monthly magazine, "Inspire," was made during 2023, but we hope that will change in 2024. A weekly electronic and postal mailing, a recently refurbished parish website, a Facebook page and an Instagram page are the other main means of communication, while there was a return to the provision of a weekly newsletter in paper form on a Sunday during the year.

St Andrew's continues to work on its response to changing world and, with it, a changing church. As with climate change, many of the problems noted coming down the line are now far closer to coming home to roost. Some have already done so. Nevertheless, we maintain our faith in a faithful God, who constantly equips his people to serve the communities to which we are sent. Inevitably that involves change, which for many does not always come easily. It might be that a smaller, leaner, and so more effective Church, is what will evolve in the coming years. The implications that will mean for St Andrew's are still uncertain, but we will continue in our endeavour to respond faithfully.

### *Financial review*

Total receipts on funds were £167,478.52 and are detailed in the financial statements.

£152,478.44 was spent to provide the Christian ministry from St Andrew's Church, including the contribution to the diocesan parish share, which largely provides the stipends and housing for the clergy. The parish share paid this calendar year was £50,606.04.

The net result was a surplus of £15,000.08 including Restricted Funds.

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds (if possible), which equates to approximately three months unrestricted payments, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our fund balances in the CBF Church of England deposit funds.

Approved by the PCC on 12 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Rev'd Robin P. Lodge, PCC Chair

# Independent Examiner's Certificate for the PCC Accounts

Report to the trustees of:

TAUNTON ST ANDREW Parochial Church Council

On accounts for the year ended:

2023

Charity Number (if applicable):

1196804

Set out on pages

Respective  
responsibilities of trustees and  
examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent  
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's  
statement

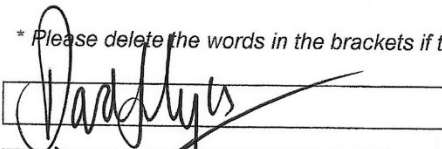
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



Date:

06-03-24

Name:

DAVID JAMES BRIDGES

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body (if  
any):

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# Parish Finance Return

The form below is produced by the Archbishops' Council's Statistics division, and should be submitted using their webportal at: <http://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>



## Return of Parish Finance January to December 2023

Parish code: (6 digits)		11358		If the form is NOT completed on behalf of the entire parish, please list below the churches included:		Diocese: BATH AND WELLS	
Parish name:		TAUNTON ST ANDREW				Deanery: 0	

INCOMING RESOURCES		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESOURCES EXPENDED		UNRESTRICTED (nearest £)	RESTRICTED (nearest £)
<b>Voluntary income/ receipts</b>							
1	Tax efficient planned giving	£ 38,205	£ 300	17	Fund-raising activities (costs and payments)	£ 163	£ -
2	Other planned giving	£ 5,758	£ 126	18	Church activities	£ 500	£ 2,000
3	Collections at services	£ 2,478	£ -	19	Mission giving and donations	£ -	£ -
4	All other giving and voluntary receipts, including Special Appeals (recurring and one-off)	£ 20,801	£ 909	20	Diocesan parish share contribution	£ 50,606	£ -
5	Gift Aid recovered	£ 10,185	£ 84	21	Salaries, wages and honaria	£ 15,998	£ -
6	Legacies received (capital value)	£ 51,000	£ -	22	Clergy and staff expenses	£ 4,061	£ -
7	Legacies received (recurring and one-off)	£ 1,000	£ -	23	Church expenses	£ 275	£ -
8	Grants (include recurring and one-off)	£ 129,427	£ 1,419	24	Church expenses: Mission and evangelism costs	£ 14,075	£ -
<b>TOTAL Voluntary income:</b>		<b>£ 129,427</b>	<b>£ 1,419</b>	25	Church running expenses	£ 10,808	£ -
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>							
9	Gross income from fundraising activities	£ 4,459	£ -	26	Church utility bills	£ -	£ -
10	Income from investments	£ 11,578	£ 139	27	Cost of trading	£ -	£ -
11	Dividends, interest, income from property etc.	£ -	£ -	28	Major capital expenditure	£ 46,077	£ 1,413
12	Church activities	£ -	£ -	29	Major repairs to the church building	£ 1,971	£ -
13	Statutory fees retained by the PCC (weddings, funerals etc)	£ 1,409	£ -	30	Major repairs to church hall or other PCC property, including redecoration	£ -	£ -
14	Gross income from trading (e.g. hall lettings, magazine, bookstall). NOT fundraising.	£ 18,313	£ -	31	New building work to the church, church hall, clergy housing or other PCC property	£ 1,904	£ -
15	Other incoming resources	£ -	£ -	32	SUB-TOTAL for Church activities & expenses	£ 146,275	£ 3,413
16	Any other income/ receipts not already listed	£ 735	£ -	33	26 Governance costs	£ -	£ -
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)</b>		<b>£ 165,921</b>	<b>£ -</b>	34	99 Other outgoing resources/ payments	£ 2,626	£ -
A	Unrestricted	£ 165,921	£ -	35	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS)	£ 149,064	£ -
B	Restricted	£ 1,558	£ -	36	D Unrestricted	£ 152,477	£ -
C	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 167,479</b>	<b>£ -</b>	37	E Restricted	£ 3,413	£ -
<b>PLANNED GIVERS AND LEGACIES</b>							
14	Number of tax efficient planned givers	26		38	<b>Cash and Investment Balances</b>	<b>UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>RESTRICTED</b>
15	Number of other planned givers	14		39	31 Cash and deposit balance as at 31 Dec 2023	£ -	£ -
16	Number of new legacies received	2		40	32 Investments as at 31 Dec 2023	£ -	£ -
<b>This section needs to be completed manually as the figures are not recorded within the Cashbook</b>							
<b>Account basis: on which basis are your accounts prepared (Indicate ONE)</b>							
30 Receipts and payments [X] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accounts							

Date	1 March 2024
Name	ANTHONY STEER
Position	Finance Officer
Telephone or email	196804@gmail.com

Looking back across 2016, were there any exceptional circumstances or significant changes that may have led to unusual figures? Please provide details in the box below:

## TAUNTON ST ANDREW's Receipts & Payments Account

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	General fund	Designated fund	Restricted fund	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and Legacies:					
Planned giving	43,963	-	426	44,389	44,347
Collections, donations & other giving	24,279	-	909	25,188	44,021
Income tax recovered	10,185	-	84	10,269	11,068
Legacies	51,000	-	-	51,000	12,923
Other Trading activities					
Magazine/Bookstall sales/Hall Lettings etc	18,261	-	-	18,261	12,953
Income from other Properties	8,235	-	-	8,235	5,474
Annual Fete/events	4,459	-	-	4,459	4,979
Receipts from Investments:					
Interest & dividends	1,847	1,496	139	3,482	1,129
Receipts from Charitable activities:					
Parochial fees	1,409	-	-	1,409	-
Other Receipts					
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Loans received	-	-	-	-	-
Other	787	-	-	787	496
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>164,425</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>167,479</b>	<b>137,390</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable activities:					
Donations/Grants to charities	(500)	-	(2,000)	(2,500)	(180)
Mission & Evangelism	(275)	-	-	(275)	(700)
Parish Share	(50,606)	-	-	(50,606)	(49,614)
Clergy expenses	(3,970)	-	-	(3,970)	(5,554)
Church running expenses	(16,895)	-	-	(16,895)	(14,820)
Churchyard maintenance	-	-	-	-	(24)
Cost of raising funds	(163)	-	-	(163)	(98)
Support costs	(90)	-	-	(90)	(175)
Administration costs (inc. staff costs)	(20,106)	-	-	(20,106)	(20,022)
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	(15)
Other	(6,507)	-	-	(6,507)	(24,231)
Major expenditure					
Repairs to church buildings	(47,981)	-	(1,413)	(49,394)	(13,598)
Repairs to other property	(1,971)	-	-	(1,971)	(124)
Capital purchases/additions	-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>(149,064)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,413)</b>	<b>(152,477)</b>	<b>(129,155)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over payments</b>	<b>15,361</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>(1,855)</b>	<b>15,002</b>	<b>8,235</b>
Transfers between funds	(19,086)	19,067	19	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 Jan (Actual Balance)	(3,725)	20,563	(1,836)	15,002	8,235
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)	-	-	-	-	10,503
Cash at bank and in hand at 31 Dec (Actual Balance)	(3,725)	20,563	(1,836)	15,002	18,738

\*produced using the Diocesan Cashbook v5

## FURTHER SUBDIVISIONS OF ACCOUNTS FOR INFORMATION

**2023**      2022

### RECEIPTS

Donations in for Garden of Remembrance		
Coffee time donations	432.00	391.80
Donations in for Messy Church	41.90	
Money received for Transfer to charities Ukraine		1,000.00
Money received or spent on Draw tickets		
yellow one off envelopes	225.00	240.00
Hall receipts	19,067.57	13,016.19
Wall Safe	277.30	345.56
Heating In	15,716.95	

### PAYMENTS

Young Church		
School		
Gas -Church	970.79	1,490.06
Heating Out	55,207.72	
Electricity- Church	1,511.05	1,109.69
Hall heating and lighting		
Musical Director	1,382.00	3,574.85
Parish Administrator	7,016.80	6,438.88
Phone (admin)	526.08	185.12
postage costs		
Printing costs		700.22
Ukraine fund raising		1,000.00
Website cost	253.52	204.00
Vicars expenses	3,970.42	4,490.15
Heating donations		21,507.11
Messy church expenses		
Hall payments total	20,577.70	14,486.00



## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

**Statement Balance Sheet St Andrew's Taunton year ending 31 December 2023**

<b>Account Name</b>		<b>Opening</b>		<b>Statement</b>	
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>Money in</b>	<b>Money Out</b>	<b>Balance</b>
A	Natwest Current Account U ("Cash")	£3,309.04	£209,121.46	£212,427.51	£2.99
B	CBF Fabric Fund D ("Cash")	£23,155.89	£74,562.88	£54,000.00	£43,718.77
C	CBF General Fund U ("Cash")	£31,392.51	£1,006.11	£0.00	£32,398.62
D	CBF Bell Fund R ("Cash")	£896.96	£47.97	£0.00	£944.93
I	HALL CURRENT ACCOUNT ("Cash")	£3,000.38	£19,151.32	£20,577.70	£1,574.00
J	NEW ST ANDREWS CURRENT AC	£7,815.32	£1,528.60	£3,413.05	£5,930.87
	TOTALS	£69,570.10	£305,418.34	£290,418.26	£84,570.18

### **Notes**

**1. The financial statements of the PCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.**

### **Assets**

We have two investment accounts	CBF Fabric Fund ("Inv")	723 shares
These pay dividends	CBF General Fund ("Inv")	481 shares

### **Liabilities**

**Liabilities : Parish Share**

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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## FURTHER ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS FOR TAUNTON ST ANDREW 2023

**2023**

2022

**Total Income/Expenditure**

15000.08	3019.22
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**Receipts**

1	<b>Tax efficient planned giving</b>	38,504.52	38,098.42
2	<b>Other planned giving</b>	5,884.32	
3	<b>Other collections at services</b>	2,478.48	2,745.78
4	<b>Other Giving &amp; Donations - Recurring</b>		
5	<b>Other Giving &amp; Donations - Non-Recurring</b>	21,594.40	17,769.19
6	<b>Special Appeals</b>	114.95	21755.78
7	<b>All tax recovered through Gift Aid</b>	10,268.51	11,068.19
8	<b>Legacies received</b>	51,000.00	12,922.65
9	<b>Recurring Grants</b>		
10	<b>Non-Recurring Grants</b>	1,000.00	1,750.00
11	<b>Fund Raising Events</b>	4,459.12	4,978.61
12	<b>Dividends &amp; Interest</b>	3482.07	1129.37
13	<b>Income from Properties</b>	8,235.00	5,474.00
14	<b>Total Parochial Fees Income</b>	1,409.00	1,034.00
15	<b>Bookstall, Magazine etc</b>		444.63
16	<b>Hall Lettings</b>	18,261.35	12,508.00
17	<b>Income from other Church Activities</b>	51.80	
18	<b>Insurance Claims</b>		
19	<b>Reimbursement of costs by other Parishes</b>		
20	<b>Sale of Fixed Assets</b>		
21	<b>Service Fee Reimbursement by DBF</b>		
22	<b>Other Income</b>	735.00	495.80
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	167478.52	132174.42

Other income consists mainly of refunds on amounts overpaid or paid for others

Confirmed that the above agree with the accounts examined

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<b>Payments</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
30	<b>Fund Raising Costs</b>	-162.95	-98.47
31	<b>Donations to Charities &amp; Mission Giving</b>	-2,500.00	-180.00
32	<b>Parish Share</b>	-50,606.04	-49,614.00
33	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	-15,998.45	-16,939.36
34	<b>Clergy Expenses</b>	-3,970.42	-5,553.89
35	<b>Other Expenses</b>	-90.47	-175.4
36	<b>Clergy Housing costs</b>		
37	<b>Local Mission and Evangelism Projects</b>	-275.34	-700.00
38	<b>Children/Youth Work costs</b>		
39	<b>Insurance costs</b>	-3,881.03	-3,390.62
40	<b>Cleaning costs</b>	-739.93	-710.46
41	<b>Minor Repairs/Routine Maintenance</b>	-1,783.26	-6,206.39
42	<b>Administration costs</b>	-4,107.27	-3,082.95
43	<b>Other Church Expenses Services</b>	-2560.29	-1220.92
44	<b>Churchyard Maintenance</b>		-24.16
45	<b>Flowers</b>		-62.70
46	<b>Music costs</b>	-1003.05	-1571.07
47	<b>Heating &amp; Lighting costs</b>	-10,630.35	-4,945.06
48	<b>Water Rates</b>	-177.95	-103.00
49	<b>Costs of Trading</b>		
50	<b>Governance Costs</b>		-14.85
51	<b>Parochial Fees Remittance to DBF</b>		
52	<b>Parochial Fees to visiting Minister</b>		
53	<b>Parochial Fees to other 3rd party</b>		
54	<b>Parochial Fees Remitted to other PCC</b>		
55	<b>Service Fee to visiting Minister</b>		
56	<b>Payment of costs to other Parishes</b>		
57	<b>Deanery Costs</b>		
58	<b>Sundry Expenses</b>	-2,626.46	-20,839.90
59	<b>Major Repairs to Church Building</b>	-47,490.27	-13,598.02
60	<b>Major Repairs to other properties</b>	-1,970.70	-123.98
61	<b>Alterations/Extensions to Church Building</b>	-1,904.21	
	<b>Total Payments</b>	-152478.44	-129155.20

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Balance Sheet		
70	Loans received	-
71	Repayment of Loans	-
72	Alterations/Extensions to other Assets	-
73	Charities where PCC acts just an agent	-80.00
78	New Fixed Assets (not Investments)	-
79	Purchase of Investments	-
80	Sale of Investments	-
Total balance sheet income/expenditure		
<b>TOTAL Income/Expenditure</b>		<b>15000.08 3019.22</b>

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## **FUNDRAISING DETAILS**

<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b>2023</b>	<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b>2022</b>
Table top sales	255	Table top sales	190.00
March Lunch	362	Toilet Twinning	100.00
Summer Fete	934.67	Summer Fete	1495.46
Christmas Market	1700.03	Christmas Market	1849.39
Easyfundraising	151.79	Easyfundraising	219.36
Card Sales	0	Card Sales	229
Winter Warmer	347.5	Turkey & Tinsel	447.40
Harvest Lunch	519.5	Harvest Lunch	423.00
Summer Lunch	373.18	Summer Lunch	342.00
Spire lighting	550	Spire lighting	576.00
	5193.67		5871.61





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Reciprocal Independent Examination for St Andrew's and St John the Evangelist, Taunton

6 March 2024

Dear Sue

I have carried out my examination of the St Andrew's Church PCC Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, prepared by your Treasurer Mr Antony Yeo and am delighted to confirm that, in my opinion, they accurately reflect the financial situation at St Andrew's Church.

With all good wishes